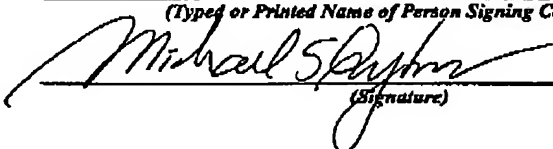


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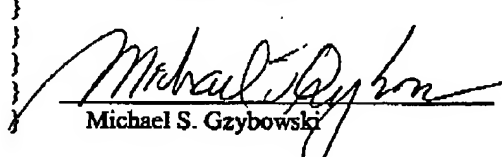
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, applicants submit the following:

In the Office Action the Examiner has instituted a Restriction Requirement in which he has required applicants to elect between the allegedly patentably distinct inventions.

Specifically the Examiner has taken the position that the application includes claims that are directed to two patentably distinct inventions, including:

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Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20 and 23 (Group I) that are directed to a fluoroelastomer blend composition comprising a terpolymer of VDF/PMVE/TFE and a liquid fluoroelastomer, classified in class 526, subclass 247; and

Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 (Group II) that are directed to a fluoroelastomer blend composition comprising a dipolymer of VDF/HFP and a liquid fluoroelastomer, classified in class 526, subclass 255.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect to have claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20 and 23 (Group I) examined in the present application.

Applicants preserve their right to seek patent protection of the subject matter of the non-elected claims by filing one or more divisional applications during the pendency of the present application.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.

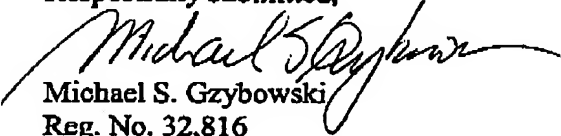
If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved; the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of

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time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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